

Timaru Herald. 21 June 1900 (Papers Past) [04/08/2024]

A “hard-up” social in connection with the Timaru Port Guards was held in the Drill Shed last evening. There was a good attendance of the company and visitors, and their “makes up” were most amusing to look at; each one doing his best to appear as ragged and hard-up as possible. Petty Officer Foster was in the chair, and a really good programme comprised songs, recitations, step dancing, burlesque bell-ringing, an item which took very well indeed, During the evening “hot potatoes and saveloys” were served for the supper course, and were greatly enjoyed. The hard-ups before separating heartily thanked Messrs Begg and Co. for the use of a good piano; also Mr McClelland for the use of his oven to bake the potatoes in. Mr **Bert Gilchrist** acted as accompanist to the various singers in a very able manner. A letter from the front from Surgeon-Major Thomas was read by Captain Raymond, and its contents, which were of a most interesting nature, were eagerly listened to by the men of his old company.

Taihape Daily Times. 24 June 1916 (Papers Past) [05/08/2024]

AN OHUTU FAREWELL RECRUITS GOING TO CAMP

A great farewell gathering was held at Ohutu the other evening at which ed [sic] out to a man. The purpose was to say good bye to local men who were leaving to go into camp. Mr Tolar occupied the chair and was ably supported by Mr Ashton. After a neat little speech of appreciation of the course the guests were taking, the chairman proposed the toast of “The King” which was drunk right loyally. Mr Jackson proposed “Our Guests” — Messrs Rafter, Walter, Palmer, Evens, **Gilchrist** and the Harvey Brothers to which Mr Keford ably responded. The toast of the Dominion’s Recruits was handled in good style by Mr Yarrall, and it was equally well responded to by Mr Ollington. Mr Ashton distinguished himself on the subject of ‘Local Industries.’ and later, amid the greatest enthusiasm, presented Mr Rafton with a wristlet watch on behalf of the Box Mill employees.

It was notified that all the recruits would be again entertained on their final leave.

In his speech Mr Ashton mentioned the fact that boxes turned out by the filled and exported last season represented no less than £2,000,000 worth of produce. The decorations of the hall, provision for the inner man and appointments generally were splendidly fulfilled by the ladies, for which they had the special thanks of the gathering.

Taihape Daily Times. 26 June 1916 (Papers Past) [03/08/2024]

EIGHTEENTH REINFORCEMENTS.

On Saturday evening a dance was held by the Patriotic Committee, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of farewelling the Taihape quota of the 18th Reinforcements. There was a very large attendance, dancing being indulged in till midnight, and the evening proving most enjoyable. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. A. L. Arrowsmith) said that once again the people were gathered together to wish a quota farewell and a safe return. It was not only on the battlefield that death came, and he would like to express his regret and the regret of the district at the accident which had occurred near Feilding, when the father and mother of a well-known family had been cut off without notice. Still, although anyone was likely to be cut off suddenly, the men who faced the battlefield ran the greatest risk. The men who were now going knew what they had to face, and were deserving of the greatest credit. They had come forward voluntarily to face not only the bullet but the hardships and privations; not only the wounds, but also the sickness which

the hard life brought. They were risking everything, and would put us in their debt, and he was quite certain that the name which all the colonial troops had gained would be worthily upheld by the 18th Reinforcements. Taihape and district had during the past twelve months sent over 500 men, and if all the other districts in New Zealand responded as well there would be no need to enforce the clauses of the Compulsory Bill now being considered.

Turning to the recruits, the Mayor said: "I want to wish you all a safe return, and I hope you will come through safe and sound." (Applause.)

Cheers were then given for the men.

Included in the quota were eight men from the Egmont Box Company's mill, and Mr. W. T. Ashton, in bidding farewell to the men, stated that 64 men had so far gone from the works. Taihape had in reality sent forward more than 500 men, as many who lived and worked in the district had volunteered when away on holiday.

The speaker also paid tribute to the sacrifices of and the work being done by the women of New Zealand in connection with the war (Applause.)

The men left for Palmerston North by the 6 o'clock train this morning, Staff Sergeant-Major Tuckey being in charge. The following are the names of the men who answered the rollcall: — J. McCullough, A. J. Cater, V. Egan, D. R. Evans, **W. B. Gilchrist**, H. H. Henderson, P. Jackson, E. Jowett, J. Rafter, A. Revell, W. Shewan, J. J. S. Thomasen, W. R. Thomasen, R. S. Wilson, W. E. Headifin, E. Waller, A. Hart.

Timaru Herald. 11 July 1923 (Papers Past) [04/08/2024]

The quarterly meeting of the officials of the Methodist Church, Timaru Circuit, was held in the Woodlands Street Schoolroom on Thursday evening, the Rev. A. C. Lawry presiding over a large attendance. The membership returns showed a small reduction, owing to a revision of the rolls. The income for the quarter was £310 18s 2d, and the expenditure £330 18s 7d. The shortage, caused by the removal expenses of two ministers, was met by a vote from the Reserve Fund. Special collections were authorised for foreign missions, and for trust purposes at Woodlands Street and Kensington. Satisfactory reports were received regarding the Sunday Schools and Band of Hope work throughout the circuit. An appeal from the Wellington Central Mission was sympathetically received and arrangements made for raising funds to assist. Votes of condolence were passed to the relatives of the late **Mr Bert Gilchrist** and Mr T. Berry. An appeal was made by the chairman for a good attendance at the special devotional meetings now being held in the various Methodist churches. Mr J. Simmons was authorised to raise a fund for securing furnished apartments for the third minister. Special resolutions of appreciation for past services and good wishes for future success were passed to the Rev. W. A. Hay and H. Benny on their removal from the circuit. The circuit stewards cordially welcomed the new ministers — the Revs. A. C. Lawry and A. Blakemore. The ladies of the Woodlands Street Church were thanked for providing supper.